1	2	3	4
21.	Dindigul	5.953	5.952
22.	Ramanatha-puram	1.569	1.570
23.	Sivaganga	1.659	1.644
24.	Virudhunagar	4.213	4.317
25.	Tirunelveli	4.467	4.797
26.	Thoothukudi	4.192	4.196
27.	Kanyakumari	1.542	1.626
	Staff	9.000	7.225
	Total:	**133.330**	**131.477**

Oilseeds production in TN

3877. SHRI S. ANBALAGAN: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether any assistance is being provided by the Central Government for increasing oil seeds production in Tamil Nadu;

(b) if so, the details thereof and the achievements made thereon;

(c) whether all the districts of the State are covered under the scheme;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI KANTI LAL BHURIA): (a) and (b) Government of India is implementing a Centrally Sponsored "Integrated Scheme of Oilseeds, Pulses, Oilpalm and Maize" (ISOPOM) in 14 major oilseeds growing states including Tamil Nadu, with a view to increase the production and productivity of oilseeds in the country. Under the scheme, assistance is provided for purchase of breeder seeds, production of foundation seeds, production and distribution of certified seed, distribution of seed minikits, distribution of plant Protection

chemicals, plant protection equipments, weedicides, supply of, Rhizobium culture/phosphate solubilising bacteria, distribution of gypsum/pyrite/liming/ colomite, distribution of sprinkler sets and water carrying pipes, publicity etc. to encourage farmers to grow oilseeds. In order to disseminate information on improved production technologies amongst the farmers, block demonstrations and Integrated Pest Management (IPM) demonstrations are organized through State Department of Agriculture and Front Line Demonstrations through ICAR. An amount of Rs. 990.00 lakh has been released to Tamil Nadu under ISOPOM during 2004-05 for Oilseeds, Pulses, Maize and Oil Palm development programme.

The production of Oilseeds in Tamil Nadu during the period 2002-03 to 2004-05 is given as under:—

Year	Production (in lakh tonnes)
2002-03	7.60
2003-04	9.99
2004-05	9.52 (III Advance Estimates)

(c) to (e) The Oilseeds Production Programmes are implemented by the state in the districts having potential for oilsees production. In Tamil Nadu all the districts, except Nilgiris and Kanyakumari districts, are covered under these programmes.

Importing Oil Seeds

3878. SHRI VIJAY J. DARDA: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) How far the recent statement by him for importing oilseeds including genetically modified seeds with high oil content, will result in reducing the cooking oil shortage and reduction in high prices as domestic demand rises;

(b) whether such isolated solution like increasing import would be of any substantial benefit or whether it requires a reorientation in the agriculture policy which will give major thrust to crop rotation, removing restrictions on movement of agricultural produce within the State only, and encouraging farmers easy access to advanced technologies; and